My name is James White, I'm a property Manager and Real Estate Principal Broker. I have been licensed in Oregon since 2007. I own and manage two Brokerages, Blue Roof Property Management and Liberty First Realty.

I'm writing in opposition of LC-18 which would extend the moratorium on evictions.

The pandemic and the eviction moratorium has directly and negatively affected many of my property owners. One such owner has one rental and is in personal unsustainable financial hardship because of the eviction moratorium. His tenant is currently \$11,199.00 past due on rent. Rent that is substantially below the market rent he could have charged. The tenant has no COVID related reason to withhold any rent, only the protection of the eviction moratorium. This is not sustainable, you are asking this individual landlord to incur another \$8,238 in lost income. Income that he uses to support himself, and his family. The total debt, assuming the moratorium would end in June will be just shy of \$20,000. This amount is simply unsustainable. The tenant has no means to repay this amount. The tenants financial situation has not changed during the pandemic, they are using the moratorium as an excuse to withhold rent, and have done so without a COVID related cause.

Further, we have a Housing shortage in Oregon. LC-18 will amend ORS 90 providing the potential to permanently change property owners rights in Oregon, and not for the better. Already, Investors are choosing to look outside Oregon and purchase rental property in more favorable states. We have a housing shortage in Oregon, reducing property owner rights will only serve to further distance Real Estate Investment in Oregon.

I ask you to support property rights and reject LC-18. We must put an end to the eviction moratorium.

Thank you,

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